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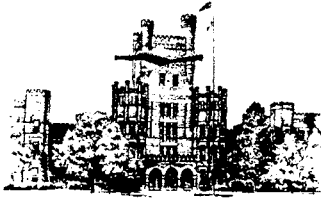
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JAZZ ENSEMBLE SELECTED FOR KEY PERFORMANCE

By: Suzie Hampson
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Jazz Ensemble has been selected to participate in the 1988 Collegiate Jazz Festival at the University of Notre Dame.

On April 9, they will join with groups from Ohio State University, University of Michigan and Purdue University for one of the oldest and most prestigious jazz festivals in the United States.

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"Traditionally, some of the country's best bands perform. I'm excited for the members of Eastern's band," said Allan Horney, director of Eastern's jazz studies program and Jazz Ensemble.

"It's a great opportunity for the Jazz Ensemble program at Eastern, and for all of us to hear some of the finest groups in the country," said Doug Daniels, freshman tenor saxophone player.

Eastern's degree jazz program began in the fall of 1987. The program offers a strong foundation in theory, history, improvisation and ensemble playing. There are 17 Eastern students in the Jazz Ensemble.

"This is a golden opportunity for people to find out what Eastern is all about in jazz. Horney knows exactly what he is doing," said John Richardson, junior saxophone, clarinet and flute player.

Horney joined Eastern's faculty in 1974. He received his master's degree from the University of Illinois and his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University. As a trombonist, he has performed with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Lee Castle and Ray McKinley, and backed such performers as Bob Hope, Pat Boone, Sonny and Cher and The Lettermen.

"Going to the jazz festival will give us a chance to display our work. I'm excited for the school. It's a great deal of recognition for Eastern," said Horney.

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"This really shows how great this school is and now we're going to prove it," said Carl Hose, senior trombone player.

"The Collegiate Jazz Festival is a great honor for Eastern and the music department."